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Curling is a scream

Gary Hoekstra, a firefighter from Edmonton, encourages teammates to sweep a little harder as he tries to draw in behind a competitor's stone at Didsbury's curling rink last week. The provincials for Alberta's fire fighters took place in Olds and Didsbury last week. It was the 44th year the tournament has taken place.

ENVIRONMENT

DEAB will host pesticide presentation

The Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board (DEAB) will give a presentation to Didsburians about the environmental and health implications caused by pesticide application in the Town of Didsbury.

The presentation, which will discuss alternatives to pesticide use, will take place at the Didsbury Public Library from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on February 19.

Presenters will also be available to answer questions regarding the use of pesticides in Didsbury.

Didsbury Town Council is currently addressing the issue at its Town Council meetings and will hear a recommendation to implement a two-year testing program that would allow Town employees to test new methods.

Councillor says County amiss in AAA feedlot issue

Derksen says more should have been done

by Richard Westlund

Mountain View County Council should have issued a stop order when a local non-compliant feedlot was under their jurisdiction, Councillor Dave Derksen said at Wednesday's Council meeting.

During a delegation in which members of the Committee for Lone Pine were encouraging Councillors to do what they

still could in regards to their fight of the expanding AAA Cattle Company feedlot in the area, Derksen said Council was "amiss" in not dealing with the issue years ago.

"I regret Council didn't take a stand when we knew about flagrant violations," said Derksen.

"We could have issued a stop order - then we could have been perceived as doing everything we could."

Derksen's comments came after Committee for Lone Pine Chair Murray Marsh said the County had an opportunity to represent concerned citizens at NRCB hearings because the

County has "affected-party status".

Mountain View County had jurisdiction over Confined Feeding Operations prior to 2002. The Natural Resources Conservation Board took control afterwards and AAA Cattle Company applied for a combined 2,000 head beef finisher and 16,200 beef feeder facility.

The initial request was denied by the NRCB. The decision is currently under appeal and will be decided in early February.

AAA Cattle Company, owned by Simon Cobban and Gerry Morasch, applied for a development permit before they bought the land approximately

ten miles east of Didsbury on March 10, 1998.

Mountain View County Planning and Development Officer John Rusling told the company in a letter that certain conditions had to be met before a development permit would be issued.

In the letter Rusling clearly states that no permit had been issued and that the County knew there were animals on site.

Derksen made a "routine PR visit" to the site and said he observed the company was expanding with out a proper permit. He said he encouraged the owners to make sure permits

were in order and mentioned to Rusling that work was being done at the site.

A permit for a 2,500 head operation was finally issued by the County on Dec. 19, 2000.

After the permit was finally granted Rusling wrote another letter to AAA Cattle Company owner Gerry Morasch, dated Dec. 6, 2001, explaining further action needed to be undertaken in order to be in compliance with the permit. The letter stated the company had too many cattle on site and that either another permit had to be applied for or numbers had to be reduced.

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NEWS

County joins disaster relief fund letter campaign

by Richard Westlund

Mountain View County will participate in a letter writing campaign to the federal government to implement a permanent disaster relief fund that would help farmers in years of drought.

County Council passed the request made by the Federation

of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) at last week's regular Council meeting. Accompanying the request was a form letter County could sign and send on.

"I can support this letter going forward, but it does lack some creativity," quipped Reeve Ian Harvie at last week's regular Council meeting.

In the text of the letter it is argued that "individuals, families and communities suffer when farmers and their children are forced off land, and out of rural Canada."

It continues to say that efforts of municipal leaders to develop healthy, thriving rural communities are in vain without support from other orders

of government.

The FCM National Board of Directors agreed to encourage a national letter writing campaign is support of rural communities at the urging of AAMD&C President Jack Hayden last fall. The intent of the campaign is to encourage

rural municipalities to contact their Provincial governments, and request Provincial support in pressuring the Federal government to implement a permanent disaster relief fund to address situations such as the ongoing Western Canadian drought.

FEEDLOT

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County investigations revealed that numbers were as high as 5,600 animals on site thousands over what the approved permit allowed for.

"We knew there was non-compliance and we could have issued a stop order and we didn't do that," Derksen said on Wednesday.

Councillor Linda Burrell said she wondered if being more active when the County had jurisdiction would have made a difference. She said the company would have likely applied through the NRCB after Jan. 1, 2002 despite County measures.

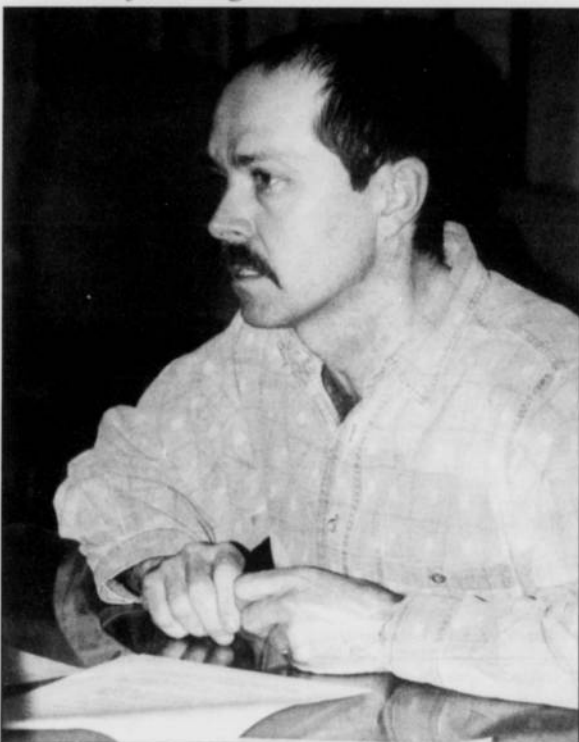
"Wouldn't we be in the same situation?" she asked.

Veteran Councillors Pat James and Ben Penner said they had no idea AAA Cattle Company was over their permitted levels until right before the NRCB took over the responsibility of issuing permits for Confined Feeding Operations.

Reeve Ian Harvie acknowledged that some mistakes may have been made in handling the issue but wanted to look to the future.

"I think we can agree that Council has been its own worst enemy in this process," he said.

The Natural Resources Conservation Board has allowed AAA Cattle Company to operate over what its development permit allows until a decision on its appeal is made.



Chair for the Committee for Lone Pine Murray Marsh addressed County Council about attending a NRCB hearing at the beginning of February.

Mountain View County will not send a Councillor to the upcoming Feb. 5 appeal hearing, but Rusling will act as an observer on the County's behalf.

CRIME

Didsbury RCMP seeking assistance with break-ins

Didsbury RCMP are seeking assistance in regards to a rash of garage break-ins in the Town of Carstairs.

On Jan. 22 Didsbury RCMP responded to a complaint of a garage break-in in Carstairs. Suspects entered an open garage and then into an open vehicle taking several items.

The incident follows a rash

of garage break-ins in early January in which approximately 25 open cars and garages were broken in to.

Anyone with information of these events is encouraged to call the local RCMP detachment at 335-3382 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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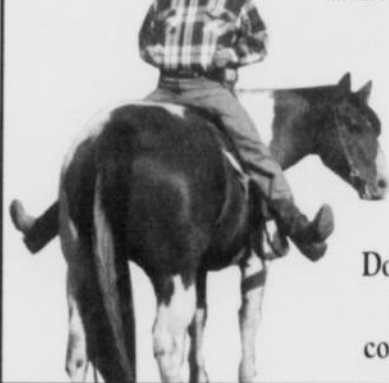
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P3 will not work for rural schools

by Carla Victor

Alternative funding methods, being looked at by Alberta's Ministry of Infrastructure, will not address funding shortfalls in rural areas, says Chinook's Edge Superintendent, Jim Gibbons.

Rural schools' needs for modernization outnumber urban needs two to one, (according to a 1999 School Facilities Evaluation) yet on the provincial scale of things, it's the urbanite's screams drowning out rural pleas for funding.

Jeff Paruk, executive assistant to the Minister of Infrastructure Ty Lund, said although P3 funding doesn't appear to be an option for rural communities, it could shorten the waiting list, thus providing funding to rural schools quicker.

"We have needs vastly greater than our ability to fund them. Obviously we have to make choices and we can't pay for everything," said Paruk.

P3 funding (using private industry to build schools and lease them back to the government) is one alternative method Alberta Infrastructure is beginning to explore; rural communities don't have the population base to make it a viable option for them.

"P3 won't work for rural Alberta. Many of the schools in rural Alberta will have to be built in traditional ways. It is possible P3s and other funding methods we are looking at will free up more money," said Paruk.

Right now there is no more money in Infrastructure budgets until the next fiscal year, which begins April 1. Paruk is expecting a budget allocation of approximately \$100 million for schools. This money for schools covers capital funding for new schools, modernization, renovation and maintenance. In the

last three years Infrastructure has spent more than \$1 billion (a large influx of money to Infrastructure due via a Century Schools Program) on schools in this province.

Gibbons said the facility evaluation in 1999 determined schools were still underfunded by \$700 million.

He said there are more options available for rural divisions the government should be considering.

"If the government is looking at building schools for less there are other ways to do it, like looking at standardized plans for building schools and letting school boards mortgage the schools themselves and have the province make the payments on their behalf," said Gibbons, adding he is encouraged that Alberta Infrastructure is looking to see what they can do to find more money.

"I know they (Alberta Infrastructure) are concerned about the backlog as well but P3 won't address modernization needs," said Gibbons. Gibbons is in Edmonton, today meeting with facility planners from Alberta Infrastructure to discuss funding shortfalls for two modernization projects for Didsbury High and Ross Ford Elementary schools.

Although Didsbury's schools have already received funding for modernization, both projects have funding shortfalls. Didsbury High is \$2.5 million short and Ross Ford is \$524,000 short.

Funds originally approved for the schools were determined by the 1999 school evaluation. Ninety per cent of those funds were advanced to Chinook's Edge, but once an architect was called in it was soon determined both projects were underfunded to today's construction costs and items missed in the original evaluation.

Health authority chair will serve large region

by Dan Singleton

The newly-appointed chair of the 400,000 resident Alberta Health Region No. 4 says she would like to see at least some elected authority members from the three existing boards in the district appointed to the new board.

"I think that would be appropriate," said Jean Graham, the current chair of the David Thompson Health Region. "I do think one thing that the elected board members did was give the people in the communities that elected them a sense that this is my elected representative, and it probably gave people a comfort level that they had an elected representative."

"We function very well with elected and appointed members. I don't think anyone would say that elected members have created any problems because they haven't. I've been very comfortable with elected board mem-

bers, but also I'm just as comfortable with appointed members."

The new central Alberta Region No. 4 includes Red Deer, Drumheller, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail, Sundre and Olds. The region is basically a combination of the David Thompson Health Region, Health Region No. 5 and the Crossroads Health Region, with a small portion of East Central Health Region included. There are 18 hospitals in the new region, as well as dozens of other health units such as clinics and long term care facilities. A Rocky Mountain House resident, Graham has been the chair of David Thompson since it was formed in a province-wide regionalization in 1994. She was chair of the Rocky Hospital Board before 1994.

Health and Wellness Minister Gary Mar appointed the nine chairs of the new regions



Out front

photo by Richard Westlund

A Didsbury bantam C forward stands his ground in front of the net while the puck travels behind him and through the slot. The Didsbury bantam teams hosted a tournament at the Didsbury Memorial Complex this weekend.

Special committee set up to deal with rural grants

by Richard Westlund

Mountain View County will set up a special committee to deal with Rural Community Grant applications rather than having Councillors deal with approval of the projects at regular Council meetings.

The committee, which will include all County Councillors, was established because the County is dealing with a wide variety of projects and amounts this year.

The new committee will review the applications

and make recommendations that would be dealt with at regular Council meetings.

There are nine Rural Community Grant requests for 2003 ranging from \$1,500 to \$18,900.

While Councillors agreed to the new committee idea, it was Councillor Linda Burrel who suggested that all Councillors be involved in making the decisions about the project.

The Rural Community Grants policy allows for projects to be reviewed outside of a regular Council meeting.

TOWN

"Novelty" brownies lead to lifeguard firings

by Richard Westlund

Two lifeguards have hashed out a deal with the Town of Didsbury following their dismissal because of a practical joke gone wrong.

Didsbury life guard Jana Brooke, 20, and her fiancé Colin Gray, 49, signed a confidentiality agreement Friday last week with the Town of Didsbury for an undisclosed amount of money after the two were fired for an incident that involved "novelty" hash brownies as a Christmas gift to another Town employee.

Brooke received the brownies as a joke Christmas present from a friend who purchased the product on the west coast. She thought it would be funny to pass the brownies on to another Town of Didsbury employee through their Secret Pal program.

Town officials didn't share the humour.

The two former-employees appealed their dismissals at an Employee Relations Committee meeting at the Town of Didsbury Administration building last week.

Brooke, who worked for the Town for four months, learned the reasons why she had lost her job at the Didsbury Aquatic Centre after receiving a letter dated Jan. 9 from Director of Community Services Rhonda Hunter.

The letter cited "being in possession of an illegal substance in Town of Didsbury facilities and passing this illegal substance to a Town of Didsbury person" as the reason for the immediate dismissal.

Her fiancé Colin Gray also lost his job. Because he started at the pool just the day before, no reason was given in his letter as to why he was terminated.

Brooke said she told Hunter and Aquatic Supervisor Michelle Honeyman the brownies contained hash because she thought she would get into less trouble that way. She later maintained the brownies were drug free and based her appeal on that assertion.

Before the gag order was signed, Brooke said a phone call had been placed to the store where the brownies were bought. She was told the brownies didn't contain hash.

A town official stated Tuesday the brownies had been turned over to the RCMP who are conducting an investigation.

can say for sure that our board with six elected members and three appointed members functions very well."

Rick Wilson, the chair of the Crossroads health region, is out of the country and therefore not available for comment.

The David Thompson, No. 5 and Crossroads health regions have been in an unofficial tri-regional partnership for the past several months. Graham says that initiative gives the new region a good head start.

"The work that we did was really beneficial to us in this new geographic area because we have already started talking and exploring options and getting to know one another. We've done that first step and we think that gives us one step up," said Graham.

The tri-regional chairs and other board officials have been called to a meeting with Health Minister Mar in Red Deer on Feb. 6 to discuss transition.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Pesticide test sites



RICHARD WESTLUND
EDITORIAL

While it has yet to be decided how Town Council will vote on the use of pesticides in the Town of Didsbury, it is not too soon to embark on programs that would cut down on local pesticide use.

Operational Services passed a motion recommending that Council embark on a two-year testing program on three plots of land to see if other safer methods could be used to manage weeds in town limits.

To give new procedures a fair shake, equipment will have to be purchased or rented or the job will have to be contacted out to someone who has the proper tools.

In the past couple of years Town of Didsbury horticulturist Deb Whitmore has been trying to secure funds to make that happen. However, tight budgets have not allowed projects to happen.

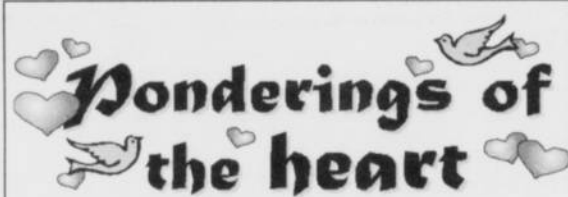
A motion to establish test areas could open the door on eventual changes to a pesticide policy down the road. But the testing idea might mean two things. One, a decision on pesticide use and implementing a better policy would likely have to wait two more years. And two, if two years is not enough time to show improvement, Councillors might get a distorted view of the effectiveness of a non-pesticide program.

If it is agreed that Town Council would one day like to maintain its parks without pesticides it would be better to implement a program now and not two years down the road. Coming up with an actual policy would allow pesticides to be phased out so that problem areas could still be addressed with pesticides if deemed necessary.

If Council does decide to set up test plots, they must also establish exactly what it is they are testing. This was not addressed at the Operational Services meeting where the recommendation came from.

Will dandelion heads be simply counted, or will in-depth studies be done on soil and turf health?

Questions like this must be addressed before a test-site program is approved.



"Restoring"

by Margaret Fradley

My husband loves to restore old furniture, no matter how old, he seems to catch a vision of what it could look like and what it was meant to look like. Recently he acquired an older piece of furniture; and began to restore it. He spent many hours, repairing and using stain remover, then carefully sanding the entire piece, until the grain of the wood was visible and already it had a 'new look'.

It was time to finish off the work, using lacquer and varnish to bring out the grain and after days of hard and persistent work, the piece of furniture after all the patient and caring work put into it, looked like it was meant to be.

I pondered this, and began to think that in each one of us there is a beauty that is sometimes hidden because of concerns, worries, perhaps ill health, loneliness, or whatever may be the cause, it could be different in each one of us, but with tender loving care, with those around us to help nurture and encourage us, to take the time to be sensitive and caring, the beauty in each one of us (and it is there) would be restored; and once again we could and would become what we were meant to be. Like that old piece of furniture we too, often have a need to sense being restored. The staining and the sanding might prove somewhat painful, but the outcome is well worth it all.



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WILD ROSE REPORT

Liberal failures deserve attention

by Myron Thompson, M.P.

This past fall I had the pleasure of meeting with Detective Sergeant Paul Gillespie of the Toronto Police sex-crimes unit. He was kind enough to give me a thorough presentation regarding the vile epidemic of child pornography currently available on the internet. He warned me at that time that the police were fighting a losing battle against child pornography. It also became clear to me that the Liberal government had also failed in this fight by leaving thousands of Canadians free to trade and make images of children being sexually abused. Detective Sergeant Gillespie was looking for additional resources to conduct investigations quickly, as well as support from Ottawa politicians who to date hadn't take this situation seriously.

Since that meeting the largest internet child pornography investigation in Canadian history has come to light. "Project Snowball" uncovered 2,329 suspected pedophiles across Canada - 232 in Alberta alone. These individuals had all subscribed to a Texas based child pornography web site. In response to this story, the police are again speaking out about not having enough resources to go after these suspects. In other countries, like Britain, once the police were provided with their list of 7,000 suspects, they were able to arrest more than 1,300 people. In Canada, with the few officers we have working around the clock, of the 2,329 suspects, we were able to only arrest between 50 and 100 people. Unfortunately, in Canada we have gained a reputation as a safe haven for those who exploit children.

Our police personnel are clearly frustrated and have asked the Liberals for a national strategy, to find these suspects, to investigate them and to prosecute them properly. They need human and technical resources to aid with the demanding investigations. To date they have seized over a million images. However, the law requires police to view and record a description of every image seized as evidence. One typical case can take anywhere from three weeks to three months

to investigate. The police have asked the federal government to change the laws to make it easier to catalogue evidence found when a child pornographer is arrested. They have also asked for stiffer sentences to be handed down by our judges. Time after time we see those charged given conditional sentences - in other words they serve their time at home. Few, if any, have ever received the maximum of five years for possession or ten years for distribution.

The Liberals will argue next week in Parliament that their new proposed legislation against child exploitation will properly protect our children. They will say they have done away with the artistic merit loophole and with the single defence of the "public good", which was already rendered ineffective by the Supreme Court in 1992, and our children will be protected. Unfortunately, it not only took the Liberals four years to get around to doing this, but they have created a grey area with this single defence. In addition, they have failed to protect our children by raising the age of consent for sex from 14 to 16 years of age.

These failures are only the tip of the iceberg. We clearly need to launch a coordinated strategy that enables law enforcement agencies at the federal, provincial, and local levels to catch these perpetrators. We must also give them the equipment, experts, and officers required to tackle this child abuse once and for all. We have to work co-operatively with international police agencies that have provided our police with thousands of tips over the years. We must do our part in this global fight by going after those perpetrators in our own country with a vengeance. For once, the Liberals have to stop talking about ending child exploitation, which they have done continuously for nearly a decade, and get down to actually doing it.

It's time for this government, and our court system to get it together. Why not use the billion dollars wasted from the failed gun registry program to put together a national strategy for the sake of our children.



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Concern shared over tree theft

Dear Editor,

RE: "Tree Thief likely has guilty mind" in Didsbury Review, January 22, 2003

Regarding the letter in last week's review from Roy Dowell, I would like to express my shock, concern and sympathy. A natural Christmas tree is one hundred per cent recyclable and a renewable resource. A tree harvested in support of the Junior Forest Wardens for only \$4 this year from their lot provided locally within the County on Burnt Timber road would have supported a worthwhile educational group as well as helped a regenerating forest grow healthier. Instead, an innocent and unfortunate farmer was robbed of a valuable asset!

How valuable is a tree? I am currently part of a Regional Tree Appraisal Committee holding meetings at Olds College and can tell you that the aver-

age value for a mature Colorado blue spruce tree in Alberta is about \$ 10- 12 per square centimeter of cross sectional trunk area at breast height. This means a tree 1 foot in diameter in excellent condition in a great location would have a value of between \$7000 and \$8500. This may seem a far cry from the current value of pulpwood at about \$40-\$50 per metric tonne or sawlogs at \$70-90 per tonne, but it is the internationally accepted standard for valuing amenity landscape trees. It makes no difference where a tree is growing, be it in a city park, a schoolyard or growing on a farmstead. The loss of a tree is a loss to everyone in the world, as we all breathe the same air that the tree was purifying.

Trees grown in nurseries in Alberta are generally valued at \$10-12 per foot of height in the

field, and, once harvested into a pot or rootball, are valued at \$30-\$35 per foot of height. Add to this, the cost of removing the old stump and delivering and planting the replacement tree and, whatever way you want to look at it, farmer Roy Dowell is out a considerable sum of money.

As a gesture of goodwill, I would like to offer Mr. Dowell a \$200 credit towards the replacement of his tree on any tree in my nursery this spring. I can be reached at For Trees Company, 335-8965. To anyone who has lost a tree or trees this year, for whatever reason, drought, disease or despicable acts of vandalism, I urge to replant and try again.

Our world needs more trees!
Yours arboreally,
Gerard Fournier,
Owner and manager,
For Trees Company

Council should pass policy and not not embark on pesticide test

Dear Editor,

This letter is in regards to the Integrated Pest Management Policy that is on the agenda for the February 3rd town council meeting. I understand that this policy was put before Operational Services where the motion was made to embark on a two year test program on three different parcels of land. Unfortunately, I do not agree with this motion, for I believe that two years would not be sufficient time to show the benefits of the policy.

Our parks and boulevards are a disaster. Not because of dandelions, but because there has not been any emphasis on creating a healthy turf that would in turn drown out weeds. A quick fix solution of spraying chemicals does not solve the underlying problem, only masks it. This policy does not rule out the use of chemicals, but leaves the option to use them as a last alternative. By leaving chemicals as a last re-

source, our parks and boulevards are also a safer place for the children of Didsbury, who love to pick dandelions for their mother, throw grass in the air and then eat a sandwich in the park prior to washing their hands.

This policy will also give the staff of operational services a tool to respond to the citizens of Didsbury who are dissatisfied with the aesthetic appear-

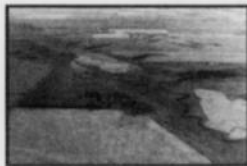
ances of our green spaces, possibly educating them in integrated pest management at the same time.

In closing, I would strongly urge Council to accept the Integrated Pest Management Policy and make allowances in the budget for this policy to be implemented.

Thank you for your time.
Respectfully,
Stephanie Dodyk

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Mountain View Waterways Restoration Group



Cows and Fish will be presenting the results from the Riparian Health Inventories that were conducted in 2002. Anyone interested in learning about the health of the area is more than welcome to attend. The Riparian Health Inventories focused on the Rosebud River, Carstairs Creek, Lone Pine Creek, and their tributaries.

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Pizza restaurant has new owner

After working with the City of Calgary, native Didsburian Bruce Engel has decided to return to the area of food to make his living.

Engel, who used to manage Lone Pine Cheese, will be serving up cheesy pizzas as the new owner of Mediterranean Pizza and Steak House.

Engel purchased the business from Yosef and Ali Hajar and took over on Jan. 15.

"I have always thought they made the best pizzas in the area and I am excited about this endeavour," said Engel. "The biggest challenge in opening up a business like this is knowing that your market and product is good enough."

Engel said he will make some changes to the business. He said starting out, however that the product will be the same.

He said the dough is made fresh in the restaurant and that the sauce is a secret recipe - also prepared in house. The meats and vegetables will be extremely fresh. He said his time with Lone Pine Cheese has given him an extensive knowledge of quality control.

Engel said he would like to introduce lunch buffets sometime in the spring which would include roasts and potatoes.

Engel said some staffing changes have been made and that is one of the biggest changes that have been made. Currently he is working with his son Max - who is doing some of the cooking and has hired a new head waitress - Jill.

So far business has been a little slow in January. But that is almost welcomed.

"With the stress of owning a new business being slow has been good," he said.



Bruce Engel is the new owner of Mediterranean Pizza and Steak House.



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by Carla Victor

A chance to play

With a pocket full of good intentions and a heart full of charity, Andrew Whittaker of Didsbury and four friends, from Calgary and Cochrane, exited their plane onto the stifling hot tarmac at Port au Prince airport, in Haiti, Dec. 27, and wondered what had they gotten themselves into.

The five young men, ranging in age from 18 to 28, flew to Haiti at their own expense to deliver and assemble thousands of dollars worth of refurbished playground equipment, donated by Childspace Playground Manufacturers in Olds, to children, most of whom hadn't experienced the freedom of a playground.

Whittaker and his group of playground missionaries were met at the airport by a stranger named Moza, his son Moses and a Toyota crew-cab truck which until then, Whittaker didn't think could fit seven full-grown men.

It wasn't until Andrew had to ask for a bathroom break, did he realize how much of a language barrier there would be during the two-week trip.

"It was the worst ride ever (four hours to drive 30 miles up Goat Mountain to Haiti's Children's Home where the group was staying). We asked, is there a place to stop? Moza answered yes, without hesitation, and continued to drive, obviously not understanding a word of English. I don't know how we did it, but we made it to the Children's Home - barely," laughs Andrew.

Welcoming party

About 30 children live at Haiti's Children's Home under the care of Pat and Melinda, a mother and daughter missionary team. Many of the children have life threatening illnesses and disabilities that create unimaginable hardship in a third world country.

The men arrived at dusk with the temperature cooling to 30 degrees Celsius, and the children of the orphanage waited at the gate to meet their visitors.

"I'm not sure if it's us being white, or just the fact we were visitors, but every child we met had their arms up, reaching to be held or hugged. If we were walking by they would run after you hugging onto our legs.

The children were so affectionate," smiles Andrew.

The group had originally intended to rendezvous with their semi-sized container, filled with playground equipment, during the first two days but instead received a week-long lesson in "Haitian time".

"At one moment it (the container) had already arrived by ship and passed through cus-



Lending a hand Andrew Whittaker helps Andre, a mentally handicapped seven-year-old orphan, work the shovel. "All he wanted to do was help but every time we gave him the shovel someone got hit in the back of the head," laughed Andrew.

toms, at the next moment no one had ever heard of it," said Andrew.

After eight frustrating days of getting the run-around, and playing "who's crying now" (Whittaker said by the end of the trip they were getting good at distinguishing the different tones of the children's cries), the equipment was ready to be picked up.

At a moments' notice Moza, who turned out to be a most reliable friend, was able to hire three trucks, each accompanied by a crew of three men - a driver, money-taker and tire-changer, to make the 16 hour two-way trip to the docks to pick up the equipment. Unfortunately after the two days trip to pick up the equipment, the group had only four days left in Haiti - not enough time to assemble the main playground destined for the village of Mirebalais.

The men reluctantly accepted the fact they would only have time to assemble the play-

ground addition for the orphanage.

"It is funny how things come together," thought Whittaker. "In my original plans I only wanted to stay a week but there were no flights for that, I had to stay two weeks. I was worried, what were we going to do for two weeks in Haiti? Now I'm thankful because if I had gotten my way we wouldn't have even been able to get anything done."

A new task at hand, the team went to work. Local men were hired to dig the holes needed.

"Two guys came to dig holes with sharpened rebar and the hardened shell of a Gourd (a locally grown fruit). They would loosen the dirt with the rebar and scoop it out with the Gourd," explained Andrew. The men dug holes 12" wide and 30" deep, backbreaking work, for 10 Haitian dollars a day (\$2 in Canadian currency).

Tense moments followed when measurements, that had been taken during the planning

stages, were not what they were supposed to be.

"Without a hardware store around the corner, there were a lot of fun moments thinking on our feet," said Andrew now able to laugh at the memory.

As the last bolt was tightened, completing the playground, Andrew's job turned quickly from playground manufacturer to traffic controller.

"Kids began to swarm as soon as it was put up, and without control the littlest ones were getting muscled out."

The playground breathed new life into the deflated children.

Instantly the children became unrecognizable - smiles outnumbered cries; "you can do it" drowned out "don't touch that". Sonel, a shy four-year-old covered in open sores, took a turn on the monorail; Nana, a three-year-old the size of a one-year-old, who needed help getting onto the playground and to be caught coming off the

slide, attempted to catch her new six-foot-three-inch friend Andrew, whom she begged to slide behind her; Rosemeath (affectionately called Roast Beef by the team) set out on her own across the suspension bridge as a nervous unaccomplished observer, arriving on the other side as the little-girl-who-could. "The best was to see Andre, a mentally handicapped seven-year-old, who only knew words like 'get away' and 'put that down', go down the slide for the first time. I was there to see the first smile he had the whole time we had been there and that made it all worth it," said Andrew.

He described the impossible task Pat and Melinda set out to do 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

It's inconceivable for Pat and Melinda to be able to give all the love and care these children deserve, but they try to do what is needed, and that is a Godsend for children who would otherwise have no hope.

"The poverty blankets the whole area, it is all-inclusive," said Andrew.

For these women, whose hearts are in Haiti, it is not such a hardship - for Andrew and the rest of the playground missionaries there was a guilty pleasure in leaving.

"It is sensory overload to be there. There's so much going on all the time.

Never a moment without cries and never enough energy to devote your attention to one particular child.

"I was glad to leave and be comfortable again, but I don't think that will be my last trip to Haiti or the last time I will see the Haiti's Children's Home," admitted Andrew.

"There is work going on there that needs to be contributed to and some children who have struck a chord with me. It would be nice to see how Andrew is getting along down the road."

With this experience behind them, Andrew, his parents Chris and Jean Whittaker and Peter and Yvonne Adams, co-owners of Childspace Playground Manufacturers, are dedicated to making sure this is not the last worthy cause to receive donated playground equipment.

"We know how much this can do. We are already collecting equipment for the next project, wherever that may be," said Andrew. As for the Mirebalais playground that couldn't be assembled, it awaits the next visitors due in April.

"It was disappointing we didn't get the big playground done but I have no doubt the next visitors will be able to do it."

AROUND THE CIRCLE

100 pints collected at Didsbury Blood Clinic

by Marge St. Clair

The Blood Donor Clinic was a great success with 100 pints collected and the Trophy was claimed by the Didsbury Hospital Employees.

Fri. Jan. 31

This is family fun night at the MP Room at the Complex from 5:30 - 8 p.m. Games, skating, food & drinks, door prizes, etc. More info from Alana 335-7369.

Sat. Feb. 1

The Ponoka hockey team will play against the Mountain View Colts at 8:00 p.m. at the Didsbury Arena. Come out and show your support to the team.

Sun. Feb. 2

The annual Turkey dinner sponsored by St. Anthony's Catholic Church will be held in the M.P. Room at the Didsbury Complex from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to the Aspen Ridge Lodge. Tickets at the door. Everyone welcome.

Mon. Feb. 3

Do you want to know how to use a computer? A basic computer course for beginners is being held at the Didsbury Municipal Library at 7:00 p.m., followed by a 5:00 p.m. session on Tues. Feb. 4. Please register at the Library, phone 335-3142 for all details.

Thurs. Feb. 6

The regular meeting of the Hospital Volunteers will be held in the Assembly Room at the Didsbury hospital at 2:00 p.m. Also please note, the Annual Meeting will be held in the Assembly Room

at 2:00 p.m. Thurs. Feb. 13th. Everyone welcome. More details from Betty 335-4546.

Fri. Feb. 7

The Annual Ham and Turkey supper will be held at the Carstairs Church of God from 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Tickets at the door, everyone welcome.

Fri. Feb. 7 & Sat. Feb. 8

The Mountain View Colts will play against Lacombe and Airdrie, this weekend. Both games are at 8:00 p.m. at the Didsbury Arena. These are the last home games of the schedule.

Fri. Feb. 7 & Sat. Feb. 8

This is the weekend of the Annual "Red Eye Bonspiel" at the Didsbury Curling Rink. Phone entries to the D.C. Rink 335-3661. Curling starts Fri. night at 7:00 p.m.

Tues. Feb. 11

The Mountain View Christian Women's Club Breakfast will be held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. "A Love Story". Special Music - Doris Garland. Special Speaker - Sandra Stephens.

Special Feature - Quilting with Alice Klassen. For reservations please phone Deb 337-2487 or Margie 335-3765. Free baby sitting is supplied by the Women's Club.

Thurs. Feb. 13

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Local members advance after public speaking event

by Amanda Engel

Well the months have been flying by, and as they do, lambs are being born, our club has been participating in a lot of fun activities, and have been gearing up for the upcoming show season!

On December 8th, we had our Christmas party in Airdrie.

It all started off with having pizza and doing our Secret Santa gift exchange at the Propac office. We then headed off to the Airdrie Bowling Center to have a friendly competition between kids and adults.

Prizes were awarded to the top kid/adult bowler, and also to the bowler with the least points! Great fun was had by all!

On January 12th, our Public Speaking commenced at the Airdrie Agricultural Building.

Senior member Katie Price was the MC for the day. The junior judges consisted of Kathie Acreman, Jamie Rust and Linda Cornelius. Intermediate judges were Jim Hoover, Shirley Senger and Tracy Taylor.

After a tough competition the juniors that moved on were:

1st: Sydney Budgeon
2nd: Hillary Budgeon
Reserve: Josh Richardson
The Intermediates that moved on were:

1st: Kaylea Richardson

2nd: Jennifer Price

Reserve: Trent Price.

Special thanks goes to senior member Amanda Engel and Roger Engel for running the impromptu table, Tellers:

Julie Engel and Becky Levick. Timers: Amber Builder and Tammy Madsen. Also a big thank you to all parents who helped out with lunch and setting up! Great job to all the members!

Regional FAS Workshops

Workshops on alcohol related disabilities have been "front & centre" in Region 5. The Region 5 FAS/ARBD Committee and its funders will be offering several workshops on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, as follows:

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February 12 - Child and Family Services, Community Agencies
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Aquatic Centre's ten-year celebration in the works

It's hard to believe that the Didsbury Aquatic Centre is almost ten years old. We would like to invite you all to the Ten Year Anniversary Party.

The party will last all weekend long. Join us February 22 and 23, 2003, when we go back in time and return to the original admission prices of ten years ago.

Since the slide was an addi-

tion since the original opening, in February 1993, we will not be charging the waterslide fee for the entire weekend.

Visit the pool on our anniversary weekend and look through the scrapbooks from the past ten years. February 22, from 1pm to 5pm is the official DAC Ten Year Party. Free admission, cake, games, prizes and fun is being planned. Hope

to see you all there. Watch for details about the upcoming name the slide contest and other anniversary events coming up at the Didsbury Winterfestival.

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drop in is \$4.25 and a ten punch pass is \$37.50 (ten punch passes can be shared among friends).

Winter Festival schedule is a full one

Family Day weekend. What are your plans? Book the whole weekend off on your calendar because you're going to be busy!

February 14-17 promises to be four days full of fun in Didsbury with the celebration of Winter Festival. A glimpse at the weekend - on Friday night, the Didsbury Skating Club will be hosting their annual Dinner Theatre with a great meal and then a performance by Theatre Didsbury. Saturday, a children's entertainer will keep the kids busy in the afternoon, and that night, Mom and Dad should plan for their turn to get out of the house. On Saturday, Didsbury Minor Hockey will be hosting games from 10:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Come out and

cheer on the players of our great community!

Activities and events are planned for all day on Sunday and Monday too. What's in store for the last two days of Winter Festival? Food, fun and celebrities are your hints. Watch next weeks edition of the Didsbury Review for more details!

The name of the new recreation park will be unveiled this weekend as well. A reminder to the Didsbury Community to submit your entry for the "Name the Park" contest to the Town of Didsbury, Didsbury Aquatic Centre or by mail. Prizes are available...submit your entry by January 31, 2003. Call 335-3391 or 335-7369 for more details.

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OUTLAWS 4-H CLUB

Outlaws prepare for speeches with a special workshop

by Jodi-Lynn Krebs

On January 13 we had our first meeting of the 2003-year at the Rosebud Hall. Upcoming events are, Public Speaking on February 2 at the Rosebud Hall. It starts at 1 p.m. and will go until approximately 5 p.m. Everyone Welcome. Thanks to Karen Grudski for the Public Speaking workshop. We refreshed our skill and even had a good time. There is a judging seminar at the Cattleman's Classic Bull Conference on February 8 in Olds, if you are interested, it starts at 9 a.m. and goes to 11 a.m. The Calgary Regional 4-H is having a Fun-Spiel, February 20, it will be held in Airdrie. It starts at 7:30

a.m. if you want to cheer us on. Sometime in the near future we hope to get together with the West Didsbury Beef Club for multi-judging. On January 12, our District Curling Fun-Spiel was at the Didsbury Curling

rink, everyone had a great time. There were eight Outlaws that attended. That will be all for this month, so I will talk to you all next month and let you know how the Public Speaking went.

Focus on the Family



QUESTION: I want to control and lead my strong-willed child properly, but I'm afraid I'll break his spirit and damage him in some way. How can I deal with his misbehavior without hurting his self-concept?

DR. DOBSON: I sense that you do not have a clear understanding of the difference between breaking the spirit and shaping the will of a child. The human spirit, as I have defined it, relates to the self-esteem or the personal worth that a child feels. As such, it is exceedingly fragile at all ages and must be handled with care. You as a parent correctly assume that you can damage your child's spirit quite easily — by ridicule, disrespect, threats to withdraw love and by verbal rejection. Anything that depreciates his self-worth can be costly to his spirit. However, while the spirit is brittle and must be treated gently, the will is made of steel. It is one of the few intellectual components that arrive full strength at the moment of birth.

In a past issue of Psychology Today, this heading described the research findings from a study of infancy: "A baby knows who he is before he has language to tell us so. He reaches deliberately for control of his environment, especially his parents." This scientific disclosure would be no surprise to the parents of a strong-willed infant. They have walked the floor with him in the wee small hours, listening to this tiny dictator as he made his wants and wishes abundantly clear. Later, a defiant toddler can become so angry that he is capable of holding his breath until he loses consciousness. I heard about one headstrong 3-year-old who refused to obey a direct command from her mother, saying, "You're just my mommie, you know!"

Another mere mommie wrote me that she found herself in a similar confrontation with her 3-year-old son over something that she wanted him to eat. He was so enraged by her insistence that he refused to eat or drink anything for two full days. He became weak and lethargic, but steadfastly held his ground. The mother was worried and guilt-ridden, as might be expected. Finally, in desperation, the father looked the child in the eyes sternly and convinced him that he would face the consequences if he didn't eat his dinner. With that, the contest was over. The toddler surrendered. He began to consume everything he could get his hands on, and virtually emptied the refrigerator. Returning to your question, your objective as a parent is to shape the steely will of your child while leaving his fragile spirit intact.

QUESTION: You have told us what kinds of homes produce children with the greatest intellectual potential. Are there other studies that would tell us how to raise kids with the healthiest attitudes toward themselves and others?

DR. DOBSON: A study designed to answer that precise question was conducted some years ago by Dr. Stanley Coopersmith, associate professor of psychology, University of California. He evaluated 1,738 normal middle-class boys and their families, beginning in the preadolescent period and following them through to young manhood. After identifying those boys having the highest self-esteem, he compared their homes and childhood influences with those having a lower sense of self-worth. He found three important characteristics that distinguished them:

- (1) The high-esteem children were clearly more loved and appreciated at home than were the low-esteem boys.
- (2) The high-esteem group came from homes where parents had been significantly more strict in their approach to discipline. By contrast, the parents of the low-esteem group had created insecurity and dependence by their permissiveness. Their children were more likely to feel that the rules were not enforced because no one cared enough to get involved. Furthermore, the most successful and independent young men during the latter period of the study were found to have come from homes that demanded the strictest accountability and responsibility. And as could have been predicted, the family ties remained the strongest, not in the wishy-washy homes, but in the homes where discipline and self-control had been a way of life.
- (3) The homes of the high-esteem group were also characterized by democracy and openness. Once the boundaries for behavior were established, there was freedom for individual personalities to grow and develop. The boys could express themselves without fear of ridicule, and the overall atmosphere was marked by acceptance and emotional safety.

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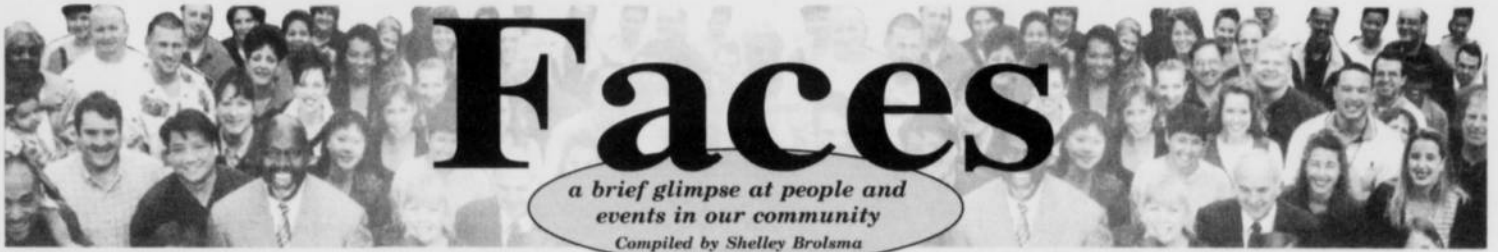
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The search continues for adult volunteer crossing guards



Carla Ridley

The campaign to recruit adult volunteer crossing guards in Didsbury continues.

So far organizers of the program have managed to sign up about 11 volunteers for the program - a good start, but more are desperately needed to carry on the service adequately.

Volunteer Coordinator Carla Ridley took over the organization of the crossing guard program for the elementary schools on January 13th. "There was a safety concern with having student volun-

teers continue to work as guards," explains Ridley who has three children in school herself (grades 1, 4 and 5). "The AMA made a change from allowing the child crossing guard to only stand on the street corners...but it wasn't working very well, motorists just weren't listening." Ridley's program allows adult crossing guards to walk right out into the middle of the street to stop traffic.

Volunteering for the Crossing Guard Program involves a relatively small time com-

mitment - about one half hour out of your day either in the morning (8:15 am - 8:45 am) or afternoon (3:05 pm - 3:35 pm). "I have three volunteers working at one time...anyone can participate; moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents, or concerned citizens," says Ridley.

One of the biggest contributing factors leading to the crossing guard program's existence is the marked lack of parking around the area of Ross Ford Elementary. "It is actually a school board issue,

but it definitely needs to be addressed at some point," says Ridley. For now Ridley would be happy if motorists would simply obey the traffic sign posted along the golf course access road. "There is only a right turn allowed at that intersection," says Ridley. "Please don't turn left as it makes things very dangerous for our students."

Anyone interested in volunteering for the Adult Crossing Guard Program at Ross Ford School is encouraged to call Carla Ridley at 335-4328.

Theatre Didsbury showcases new comedy

Got the winter blues? If so, the Theatre Didsbury has just what the doctor ordered with their new comedy, "I Take this Man".

Director Curt Engel says the modern-day romantic comedy involves five of the group's top actors/actresses: Tracie Skeet-Brook, Sue Erickson, Tony Sylvestre, Rick Phillips and Derek Lewis.

Although Engel has been actively involved with the theatre group for four years in the

acting capacity, this is the first time he will have directed a production himself. "It's easier to work with a smaller cast, so I'm quite enjoying that aspect of it," Engel says. "We began practicing for the production around the first week of January."

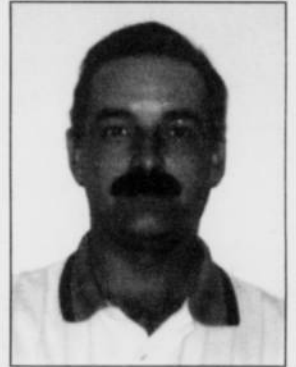
Bookings for the play have so far been fast and furious beginning February 8th with a performance in Cochrane, February 14th at the Memorial Centre in Didsbury, February 15th at

Westcott Community Hall, February 22nd at the Beiseker Lions Club, March 8th in Gull Lake and April 4th & 5th at the Keoma Lions Club.

Tickets for the Valentine's Day performance in Didsbury are available through Lisa O'Dell at 335-9493 or Shannon Baker at 335-4823. Cocktails are at 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm with the play starting at 8:00 pm. "That one is a fundraiser for the Didsbury Figure Skating Club," says

Engel. "A lot of the performances we do are as fundraisers. There seems to be a great demand for them, whether it is for hockey or figure skating, or community service groups...we travel to small communities in southern Alberta mostly with a few being up north (Gull Lake)."

Engel reminds theatre-goers to look for an additional Dinner Theatre booking or (possible) Pub Night in Didsbury near the end of April.



Curt Engel



Inez Kosinski

Didsbury Library celebrates Family Literacy

When was the last time you wrote someone a letter, read together as a family, or been brazen enough to turn the TV off and enjoy a good book?

The organizers behind Family Literacy Day are working to ensure reading in households and communities across Canada is a priority everyone puts at the top of their list of things to do each day.

Leading the way to promote literacy on the local level is the

Didsbury Municipal Library. "We're actually celebrating 'Family Literacy Week' here and have extended the event to be from Monday, January 27th - Friday, January 31st," says Library Administrator Inez Kosinski.

Family Literacy Day, Kosinski explains, is a national program organized through the ABC Canada Foundation. Every year, on January 27, Canadian fami-

lies are exposed to a number of different literacy-themed events coordinated by schools and libraries.

This year's slogan is "Learning is a family affair". "Anything you can do to encourage reading in your family on a day to day basis is so important - not only during Family Literacy Day, but all year round."

In addition to providing promotional materials outlin-

ing ways to encourage reading in the home, the Library recently offered a puppet show and will be giving away tattoos and stickers to children who have read. Entries will also be accepted for a contest to win a Family Literacy T-Shirt.

"As long as you have read to someone that day, you can enter the contest. The draw will be made on Friday," Kosinski explains.

Weekly program will help you Find it @ your Library

According to Didsbury Municipal Library Administrator Inez Kosinski, many people are not reaping the full benefit out of being a library member. In an effort to help change that, the Library is offering a new program entitled: "Find it @ Your Library."

"It takes place every Thurs-

day night and helps inform people of the many, many services that they may simply not be aware of...our mission is to promote literacy and we are here to help." Help can come in many forms. Whether it's assistance at understanding how to use the on-line catalogue service, or ordering books from

other libraries, Kosinski says there's always a way to find what you need. "We can get you books beyond the walls of this facility...Right now we are filling at least 15 book order requests per day to other libraries within the Parkland Regional Library system." It's a figure Kosinski says should

even be higher once everyone becomes more aware with how the system can work for them.

And there's more. The Library can also help locate articles on-line with databases set up by the Alberta Library Association and Parkland Regional Library. "The databases are articles from mainstream

magazines as well as professional journals," Kosinski explains. "It's all just a couple clicks away."

Anyone wishing more information about the many services provided at the Didsbury Municipal Library or the programs it provides is encouraged to stop by or call 335-3142.

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Seniors Bonspiel

by Marge St. Clair

The Didsbury Curling Rink was a beehive of activity from Jan. 13 - 17 when 40 teams from Lacombe to Calgary and all points in between gathered for this annual bonspiel. The curlers and guests were welcomed by Srs. Rep. Dave Neufeld and Mayor Dorothy Moore and grace was led by Frank Neufeld on Tues. before everyone sat down to a fabulous roast beef dinner and deserts too numerous to mention. Compliments to all the volunteers who prepared all this and worked all week serving the curlers and many spectators.

When the final draw was completed on Fri. afternoon, the winners were:

A Event

1. Al Graham, Garrett Funkhouser, Elaine Graham, Gerry Laviolette - Olds 2. Bob Beckwith - Red Deer 3. Clarence Martin - Torrington 4. Dan Nadasde - Carstairs

B Event

1. Norma Clark, Gail Davis, Ella Barnes, Irene Rowntree - Carstairs 2. Aksel Pedersen - Eagle Hill 3. Jim Wilson - Didsbury 4. Ken Gillrie - Olds

C Event

1. Dennis Gardner - Calgary 2. Dick Smethurst - Olds 3. Ray Miller - Olds 4. Dave Gibbs - Sundre

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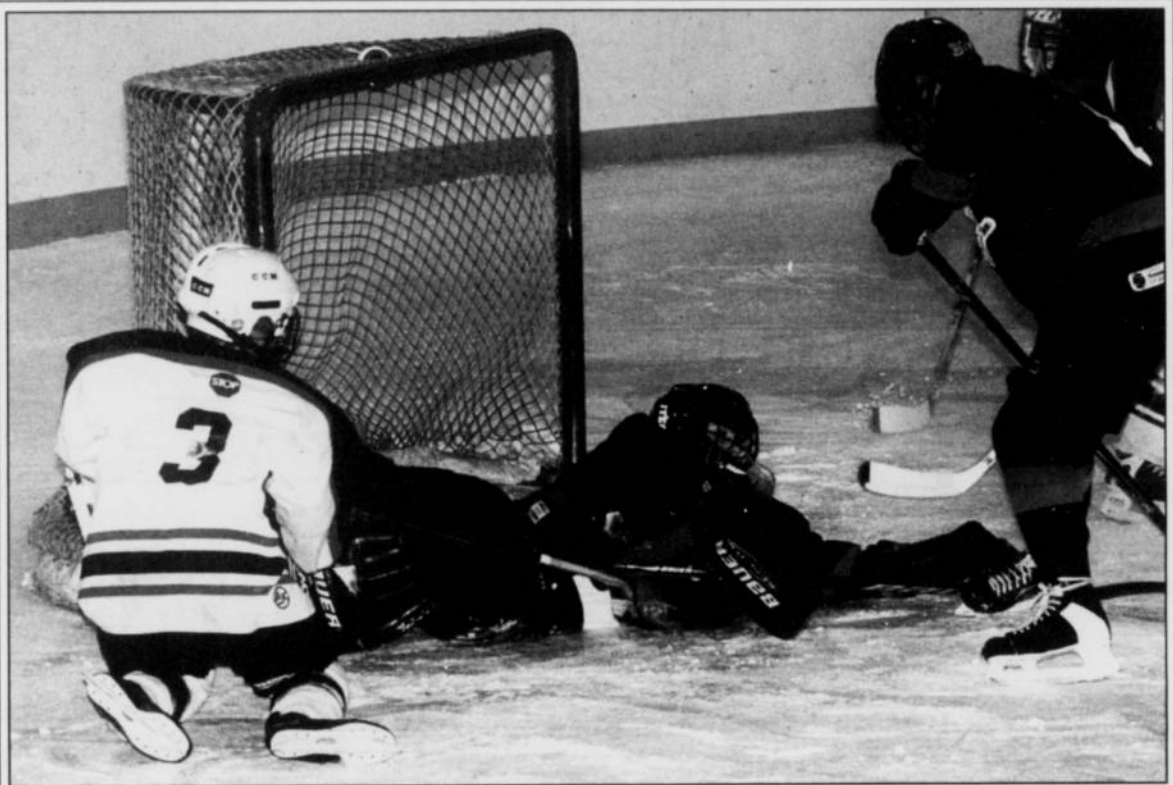
Angus & Dave, you can be proud of such a successful week of curling.

Bulldogs bite in Olds

Hockey action for the Didsbury Novice bulldogs had a little bit of everything. A solid performance in goal by Jacob Straughtman kept the game close. He was able to stop numerous break-a-ways and point blank shots while earning game star honors.

This game in Olds also saw Cole Whittleton notching his first goal by driving hard to the net with his stick on the ice. Jay Gole enjoyed a two goal night with assists on each goal going to Mike Northcott, Josh Steward rounded out the scoring for the Bulldogs.

Next action will see the Bulldogs participate in a tournament at Bowden at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 1/03.



Crash the net

A Didsbury forward slides through the Calgary crease during their opening game of the tournament they hosted on the weekend. Didsbury went on to win the tournament after beating Carstairs in five grueling overtime periods.

Grizz receive an assist from AA Mustangs

by Barry Williams

In a defensive struggle against the Calgary Canucks on Friday Jan. 24 at the Olds Sportsplex, the biggest assist in the game came from the Olds Midget AA Mustangs.

With several players not dressed for the game, the Grizzlys relied on players from the Mustangs to fill in the roster.

The move to include the Midget players into the line-up was initiated by Grizzlys' Head Coach/General Manager, Brett Cox, and he was relatively pleased at the way the Mustangs' players played.

"In the past couple of years, there has been a good relationship between the Grizzlys and the Mustangs," said Cox.

"They (the Mustangs) are more than willing to help us out when we are in need of players," added Cox, indicating the Midget players have held their own in two games with the Grizzlys.

"The coaching staff feels really good about the calibre of the Midget players in this area," added Cox.

According to Cox, the future of the Grizzlys will be sustained by the number of quality play-

ers now playing in Midget programs operated by local minor hockey associations.

Since becoming the coach of the Grizzlys, Cox has given local players an opportunity to play Junior A in Olds and he believes several Midget aged players are ready to step into the Grizzlys line-up in the future.

"Our coaching staff has identified approximately seven affiliated players ready to help us this season," Cox added.

"So far, the Midget players we have called up haven't looked out of place," noted Cox.

The Grizzlys also have affiliate players with the Red Deer Midget AAA Optimist Chiefs as well as the Mountainview Colts and Rimbey Generals of the Heritage Junior Hockey League.

On Friday evening Jordan Ramstead blocked 44 shots to backstop the Grizzlys to a thrilling 2-1 victory over the Canucks.

Ramstead along with Canucks goalie, Pat Conacher, stole the limelight during the game as both netminders put on a show between the pipes making several brilliant saves. Conacher finished the game with 42 saves.

After Brett Hopfe and Jimmy Kerr gave the Grizzlys a 2-1 lead after forty minutes of play, Ramstead slammed the door on the Canucks in the third period making 15 saves to preserve the victory.

For his efforts between the pipes Ramstead was named the first star with Conacher getting the nod for the game's second star.

Throughout the third stanza, the Canucks pressed for the equalizer but were denied by the Grizzlys' strong defensive effort.

"I thought Ramstead played extremely well and gave us the opportunity for the win," said Cox.

Cox noted most of the players bought into the game plan by playing a very simple game in both ends of the rink.

"Because we had so many players out of the line-up, it was a tough game to play," added Cox.

"It was the grittiest and guttiest performance of the year," said Cox.

The win for the Grizzlys moved them two points ahead of the Canucks for third place in the Rogers AT&T Wireless South division standings. Heading into the game, the

Canucks were the most productive team in the league with seven consecutive wins.

As the schedule now moves into the final month, the Grizzlys will be battling for a play-off position with the Camrose Kodiaks, first in the division, the Canmore Eagles and the Canucks.

"The bottom line is the players know we have a good team and if they continue to work hard in the remaining games we should be in good shape heading into the play-offs," added Cox.

"This group of players are dedicated and committed to each other and I can honestly say they are probably the best players I have coached," concluded Cox.

Most of the players had the week end off as the AJHL held the annual All-star Classic in Camrose on Jan. 25&26.

This week finds the Grizzlys playing four games. On Monday, Jan. 27, they played the Calgary Royals in Calgary. They return home to play a pair of games on Wednesday Jan. 29, the Royals come to town and on Friday Feb. 1, the overall league leaders, the Grande Prairie Storm journey into the Sportsplex.

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11 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

450 SQ. FT. office w/ dedicated 1/2 bath. \$300/mo. + GST. Utilities included. \$300 S.D. required. Ph. Vance at 335-3365 days & 335-3727 evenings. 50-131

13 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

GREENLEAF PRODUCTS Inc. accepting applications for production line workers and shipper receivers. Apply in person. Located on the Olds College grounds. 556-4670. 41-2t

FULL TIME Line Cook for fast paced Dining Room. Salary depends on experience. Must be available weekends and split shifts. Polite, professional, well groomed individuals may submit resume to Fax: 1-403-337-0102, Mail: Box 1029 Carstairs, Alta T0M 0N0. Email chef@fresideplace.com. The Fireside Place Restaurant, Carstairs, Alberta. No phone calls please. 40-1t

HELP WANTED. Person to help in doing farm chores. Own transportation needed. Up to 5 hours per day. Wages \$900/mo. 335-3865. 40-1t

FULL TIME receptionist/secretary required for Manufacturer in Didsbury. Experience with Word and Excel an asset. Please forward resume to Heritage Truss & Design Ltd. Fax 335-0023. 41-2t

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY requires experienced office person for payroll, A/C Rec, A/C Pay, receptionist. Position is full time from March 15 - October 31 on an annual basis. We offer good starting salary & benefits. Please fax resume to 403-335-9583. 41-2t

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- interacting through in-home counselling with young pregnant moms and babies
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- strong connection to community resources and agencies
- available to work 1 day a week in Drumheller, 2 days a month in Didsbury, 2 days a month in Three Hills and 2 days a month in Hanna
- consideration would be given to 2 applicants interested in splitting the sites being Drumheller/Hanna and Didsbury/Three Hills

Qualifications are a B.S.W. or a related field; consideration will be given to those holding a diploma. A valid driver's license and dependable transportation is required.

Application deadline is Wednesday, February 5, 2003 with the submission indicating hourly rate.



May Rostecki-Budzy, Coordinator Growing Opportunities
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33 PERSONALS

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35 REAL ESTATE

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35 REAL ESTATE

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38 RENTALS WANTED

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39 SERVICES

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Meeting

Rosebud Health Foundation Annual General Meeting at the Didsbury 5-0 Centre on Thurs. Jan. 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Dinner

St. Anthony's Turkey Dinner Sunday Feb. 2, 3-6 p.m. at the complex. Proceeds to Aspen Ridge Lodge.

Lacrosse

Didsbury Lacrosse Association 2003 Season Planning Meeting on Jan. 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Didsbury MP Room. Parents with youths ages 6-17 interested in lacrosse welcome.

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Wild Horses of Alberta Society

Help save the wild horses of Alberta. Next meeting Olds Cow Palace on Feb. 4/03 7 p.m. or call Doreen 556-6167.

Library

Computers for Beginners. Free basic computer courses will be held at the Didsbury Library Feb. 3rd at 7:00 p.m. and the 4th at 5:00 p.m. Please register at the Library.

Photography

A group of photo enthusiasts have started a photo club which meets the first Wed. of the month. If you are interested call Carla at 556-7510 or Richard at 335-3301 between 9 and 5.

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Breakfast

Mountainview Christian Women's Club Breakfast on Feb. 11 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church. Topic - A Love Story. For reservations call Deb 337-2487 or Margie 335-3765.

CREMONA

Dinner Theatre

Cremona, Water Valley and District Chamber of Commerce presents Friken Justice on Feb. 15, 2003. Cocktails 6:30 p.m., dinner 7:00 p.m., show 8:00 p.m. at the Cremona Community Hall. Tickets and information from Linda 637-2030 or Mabel 637-2050.

ONGOING EVENTS

CARSTAIRS

RECYCLING DEPOT

Carstairs Lion's Recycling Depot is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

CARSTAIRS TOPS

Take off Pounds Sensibly at the Church of God on Monday nights 7-8 p.m. For further information call Jean 637-3753, Shelly 337-3082 or Kim 946-4997.

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COMMUNITY CRISIS SOCIETY

Are you experiencing family violence? Please call the Crisis Shelter at 1-877-934-6634.

CHAMPS

"NEW" Canadian Weight Awareness - CHAMPS Clubs Inc. is a Non-Profit Weight Loss Support Organization which meets weekly. We are open to Men and Ladies who share a common concern of managing their weight. For more info about CHAMPS CLUB INC. call today. 1-866-444-7682.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Winter hours: Saturday: 1-5 p.m., special occasions, & anytime by appointment. Please call Marg Weaver at 335-4245, Dale Weiss at 335-4726 or Willard Stauffer at 335-3715.

SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting- Fourth Thursday of each month, 6:00 p.m. supper, 7 p.m. meeting 335-3265. RSVP

DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Joanne at 337-2614.

ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every two months at the Town Office. For info call Deborah at the Town Office at 335-8343.

BEAVER'S

Beaver's Monday 7-8 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

HALL WALKING

Adult hall walking at Westglen from 6:45 a.m. Monday to Thursday. Keep fit this winter.

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TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library: Open Tuesdays 10-11:30 a.m. at the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 20 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Wendy at 335-3877 or Rick at 335-9525.

TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Anglican Church Hall, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-2388 for more information.

KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Hans Lucas at 337-2250.

O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info, call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7-9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL

The Didsbury Preschool Society is currently accepting on-going registrations for children 3 to 5 years old to our preschool program. For more information or to register your child please call Cherrie 335-8818 or 335-8039.

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INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon: for persons affected by someone else's drinking. Fri. 8 p.m. For more information call 337-2549, or 337-3762.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mountain View Bridge Club meets every Wednesday from 7-10 p.m. at the Masonic Star Hall, 2037-21 Avenue, Didsbury. All bridge players welcome! For more info: 335-8375 or 638-2757.

HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

OLDS

MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-8540.

SUNDRE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Wednesdays, 8-9 p.m. in the basement of the Anglican Church. Ron 638-2736.

ALA TEEN

Ala Teen, Sundre United Church Basement, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. More info 638-3277.

AL-ANON

Al-Anon, Wednesdays. For more information call 638-3277 or 335-9787.

DRUMHELLER

SUPPORT GROUP

The Compassionate Friends is a self help supportive group offering friendship and understanding to parents who have experienced the death of a child. Meetings are held the last Thurs. of each month (except Dec.) at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room #3 of the Drumheller Hospital. For more info call Shirley 823-3001 or Linda 823-4565.

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